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## **Johnston Memorial Hospital proposes 27-bed hospital in Clayton**

RALEIGH – Johnston Memorial Hospital has filed an application with the Certificate of Need Section of the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation to develop a 27-bed hospital in Clayton.

A public hearing for the project will be held on June 20 at 10:30 a.m. at Hocutt-Ellington Library, 100 South Church St., Clayton.

Johnston Memorial Hospital proposes to relocate 27 acute care beds from the hospital's main campus in Smithfield. The hospital also proposes to develop one dedicated C-section operating room, one gastrointestinal endoscopy room, and several clinical and ancillary services including nuclear medicine services, cardiopulmonary, echocardiography, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, and laboratory services.

In May of 2007, the hospital was approved to develop Clayton Medical Center, a \$37.2-million ambulatory care facility, that includes an emergency department, operating rooms, and diagnostic imaging services. The proposed expansion of Clayton Medical Center into a hospital will require an additional 53,500 square feet of construction at an estimated cost of \$28.6 million. Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2009 and be completed in October 2010.

Anyone may file written comments concerning the proposal. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than June 2 at the following address:

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